

HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS



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The Monthly Newsletter of Heights

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Elementary IB World School

A Message from Administration

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful summer vacation and we look forward to hearing stories from the students about their favorite summer memory.



Heights Elementary welcomes Mr. Doug Palow our new Principal! In addition to Mrs. Carter, Assistant Principal, Heights also welcomes Ms. Karen Wood, Assistant Principal, to our administration team.

The Heights staff thank you for entrusting your children with us. We welcome your partnership in their education, and together, we will make this an exciting school year.

Free Breakfast and Lunch

Students at Heights Elementary will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge, regardless of family income status. For additional information on the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, please visit the Lee County School District's Food and Nutrition website at www.leeschools.net/backtoschool. Click on the middle right hand side for "FAQ's for Free breakfast and lunch."

School Supply List and Dress Code

The 2016-2017 School Supply List and Dress Code Policy are available on our website <http://het.leeschools.net>.

Bus Information

To find a bus stop, go to www.leeschools.net/backtoschool. Click on "Bus Routes" on the middle left hand side of the page. This link will take you to the Interactive Database for up-to-date information on bus routes that have already been assigned. Please call us here at Heights Elementary with questions, concerns or to request a bus stop.



If your child will ride a school bus from school to a local day care center, please be sure to complete the Day Care Bus Stop Request 2016-2017. This must be done in advance of your child riding the bus to ensure there is enough room on the bus for all students. This form is available in the school lobby.

If your child will ride a day care owned bus/van from school to their day care center, please be sure to give the center your Parent Pick Up Tag. This will enable the driver to pick your child up here at Heights Elementary.



In Need of Gently Used Clothes

As you clean out your child's closet, would you please consider donating any gently outgrown clothing to our school? There are times when extra clothes come in handy and we would like to make sure we have clothes on hand for those occasions. Thank you for your consideration.

Heights Elementary IB World School

Vision: To be a world-class school.

Mission: Heights Elementary IB World Schools is dedicated to developing balanced, lifelong learners through educational excellence, a global perspective, reflection and action.

Breakfast: 7:25 AM - 7:45 AM

Student Hours: 7:55 AM - 2:10 PM

Office Hours: 7:30 AM - 3:30PM

<http://het.leeschools.net>

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Dates to Remember/ Dias Para Recordar

August/Augusto

10	First Day of School for Students Primer Dia de Escuela para Estudiantes
23	SAC Meeting 6:00 PM Reunion de SAC 6:00 PM
26	Zoomer's Back to School Night 5:00—8:00 PM De regreso a la Escuela Noche en Zoomers 5:00-8:00 PM

IB Profile Word for August

Inquirer

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research.

We know how to learn independently and with others.

We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

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Traducion disponible: Si desean información sobre este boletín por favor de llamar a Lizzette Roman (481-1761) de 7:45am-2:00pm.



Parent Drop Off and Pick Up

DROP OFF: In the morning students may be dropped off starting at 7:25 AM. Students may not be dropped off before that time as no personnel are present to supervise outside, causing a safety concern for your child. Students must be unloaded from the vehicle driving through the parent drop-off line, or parents may park and walk students to the main entrance hallway. **No student may be dropped off in the parking lot and allowed to walk by themselves through the parking lot to school.**

PICK-UP: It is important that all parents who pick up students go through the parent pick-up line. Please do not wait by the front doors or sign your child out early. Safety is our first concern, along with timeliness of departure. It can be confusing for teachers and students when a waiting group of adults try to unite with children. Thank you for your help.



Notes from the Office

- ◆ Please return your child's white emergency cards as soon as possible. It is very important that we have a way to reach you in case of an emergency.
- ◆ If your child is going home a different way, a note must be sent to the office or the parent must call the office before 1:00 PM.
- ◆ Communication between teachers and parents is essential. All classes will send home graded papers and other handouts in an envelope each Monday, with the exception of the first day of school. The envelope will be sent home on the first day of school with information and important papers to be completed and returned. The contents of the envelope will enable you to see your child's progress. Parents are expected to review its contents, sign the outside of the envelope, and return it to school the next day.
- ◆ If you need a Parent Pick-Up hang tag for a friend or family's vehicle, please visit the front office with ID and ensure this person is on the Emergency Card indicating authorization to pick up your child. The cost is \$1 for each extra tag.

Volunteers

We love volunteers and volunteers love Heights! You will find this to be a rewarding experience. If you are interested in volunteering or **are a returning volunteer**, please complete and submit the annual Volunteer Application. The Volunteer Application is available on our website www.het.leeschools.net or one can be picked up in the school lobby.

Once applications have been processed for eligibility, you will receive a call letting you know you are ready to volunteer. Please allow two (2) weeks at the beginning of the year before volunteering. It takes time for the office staff to screen applications and for teachers to establish the very important routines in their classrooms. **ALL VISITORS MUST BRING VALID FLORIDA ID TO CHECK IN.**

PTA

Joining PTA will open you up to a whole new side of involvement into your child's life. Join committees, learn valuable information, and provide support for the school. For more information, you can visit the Heights PTA website at heightselempta@gmail.com.



WatchDOGS

Calling all dads! We are looking for positive male role models to join our WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) program. The WatchDOGS at Heights provide a strong male presence in our school and provide many services and volunteer hours throughout the year. If you are interested in joining, please call the front office.



Birthday Treats

If you would like to send birthday treats so your child may celebrate his/her birthday with the class, please send in one of the following: stickers, pencils, notepads, animal crackers, pretzels, crackers, small cookies (store bought only), pudding/jello cups. Please do not send cupcakes/ cake, donuts, pizza/happy meals, presents, decorations, balloons, candles/matches/lighters, beverages, flowers, or invitations to your private, at-home party. Please be sure to send enough for the entire class, and please keep the treat simple and easy for the staff to distribute and clean up.

After School/Before School Program

Heights Elementary will offer an after school/before school program during the 2016-2017 school year. The program offers a safe and caring environment for your child to interact and participate in enrichment activities. The program is offered from 7:00 AM—7:30 AM and 2:15 PM—6:00 PM on all school days. The cost of the afternoon program is \$12.00 per day, per child. Please see the front office for additional information or call 239-454-3972 after 2:30 PM.